

# City of Milpitas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 6, 2016 5:30 p.m.

# Milpitas City Hall Committee Room 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Arbaugh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. FLAG SALUTE: Vice Chair Arbaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL

Present: Liliana Ramos, Dana Arbaugh, Denny Weisgerber, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur

Ebright, Andre Ramones, Ed Ackerman, Allen Thomas

**Excused Absence:** None

Late Attendance: Ed Ackerman

**Unexcused Absence:** None

- IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Alternate Commissioner William Devereux was seated.
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APRIL 6, 2016

M/S: Weisgerber / Ramos AYES: All

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 3, 2016

M/S: Weisgerber / Ebright AYES: All

#### VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Karen Kolander from the Milpitas Food Pantry shared her observation and concerns regarding for a handful of the Food Pantry's clientele who are homeless veterans. She asked the Commission to work with the Food Pantry in terms of providing their homeless veterans clients some help.

Rick Martinez shared information regarding the California Deer Association (CDA) and this organization's efforts in recognizing veterans.

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE

Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy thanked the Commissioners for their outreach efforts to fill the current alternate member Commission vacancy. He also reported the re-appointment of Chair Arbaugh and Commissioner Devereux at the April 5, 2016 City Council meeting. He also reminded the Commissioners about the upcoming Commissioners Recognition Lunch on April 30, 2016.

**Motion** was made to agendize the matter regarding a soon-to-be-constructed military museum in Santa Clara Country, investigate the possible use and purchase of the property located between the library and the Milpitas Post, and collaborate with the Historical Society to develop part of the property into a military museum.

M/S: Weisgerber / Arbaugh AYES: All

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Milpitas Veterans Car Show (2016)

Discussions continued regarding the t-shirts, logo, raffle, advertising, sponsors, booths, disk jockey (DJ), car shows held in other cities for benchmarking and assessing event / date competition, and other related issues.

Chair Arbaugh reported that Bay 101 made a sponsorship commitment of \$2,000.

Councilmember Giordano suggested for the Commission to reach out to the Edesa Bitbadal, the City's Economic Development Director as a resource and access to Milpitas businesses.

During the discussion regarding this year's non-profit organization check recipients, **motion** was made to donate \$1,000 from last year's Car Show to the Milpitas Food Pantry.

M/S: Arbaugh / Ebright AYES: All

As part of the subcommittee in researching for this year's categories, Vice Chair Ebright reported back that with the exception of minor modifications or clarification, the current category listing is sufficient. Consensus was made to have future discussions regarding this matter.

### X. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Discuss Work Plan

The Commission addressed their inquiries and need for clarification with Councilmember Giordano and Staff Liaison Flunoy regarding the Commission's recent presentation of this year's Work Plan before the City Council.

Councilmember Giordano and Staff Liaison Flunoy commended the Commissioners for the good work that had been done thus far. Discussions were made for further outreach.

**Motion** was made for the Commission to conduct outreach to Milpitas churches and interfaith organizations via email and mail in hopes of reaching out to more veterans who need assistance.

M/S: Arbaugh / Ramos AYES: All

#### 2. Memorial Day 2016

Staff Liaison Flunoy reminded the Commissioners regarding this upcoming event. Consensus was made that for Memorial Day 2017, the Commission would have a more active participation in the event.

## XII. LIAISON REPORTS

# 1. City Council Report

Councilmember Giordano reported that the city continues to be busier than ever in terms of residential development projects, building permit issuance, and business attraction as new business are welcomed to the community. These will bring not only additional revenue via sales and transient occupancy tax (TOT), but also other positive economic drivers that are good for the City.

Discussion was made in particular regarding the Landmark Towers project as well as other upcoming events sponsored by the City such as Summer Movie Nights and the Youth Advisory Commission's math competition.

## 2. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Flunoy announced that Recreation Services Manager Renee Lorentzen would be covering for him at the next Veteran's Commission meeting in June 2016.

# X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2016 Work Plan updates
- Memorial Day Ceremony 2017
- Veterans Day Ceremony 2016
- Flag Challenge TBD
- XIII. NEXT MEETING Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
- **XIV. ADJOURNMENT** Chair Arbaugh adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Draft Minutes above respectfully submitted by Pam Caronongan, Milpitas Deputy City Clerk